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West Valley City Mourns Victims, Celebrates Survivors During Domestic Violence Awareness Month

West Valley City – On November 11, 1993, 31-year-old Micki was strangled to unconsciousness then shot and killed by her live-in boyfriend; she was killed in front of her five-year-old daughter. Micki is one of more than 40 domestic violence victims represented by life-size silhouettes at West Valley City Hall from October 11th through 14th as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

In addition to the Silent Witness display, a Candle Light Memory Walk and Domestic Violence Awareness Program will mourn victims and celebrate the survivors of domestic violence. On October 12, at 5:30 p.m., the Candle Light Memory Walk will begin at Valley Fair Mall (3601 South 2700 West) on the central outdoor plaza, and will proceed across 2700 West to West Valley City Hall (3600 South 2700 West). A brief program will begin at West Valley City Hall at 6:00 p.m. during which Mayor Mike Winder will read a proclamation. Additionally, West Valley City will be recognizing West Valley City resident Libbie Harmon and Salt Lake County District Attorney Lohra Miller for their efforts against domestic violence. Light refreshments will be served.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October, 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The intent was to connect battered women's advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children. The Day of Unity soon became a special week when a range of activities were conducted at the local, state, and national levels.

For more information about West Valley City Victim Services, call 963-3223.

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